

April 8, 2016

City Council;

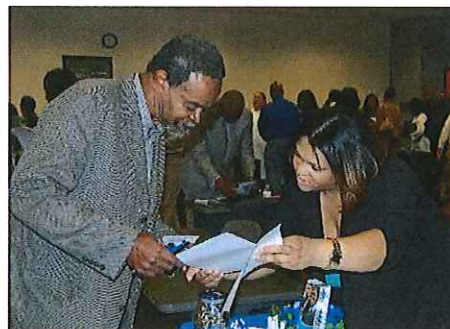
Today's memo includes information from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Highlights include:

- Zika Virus Planning
- Lot Cleanup
- Landscaping Updates

This week Norfolk celebrated National Walking Day with a new one mile route in Downtown. About a hundred of our friends donned sneakers to take the first steps! Dr. Whibley kicked it all off.



Norfolk hosted a Spring Job Fair at the Workforce Development Center on March 24<sup>th</sup>. More than 1,200 job seekers and 50 employers were on hand. It was the largest crowd ever! WAVY-TV covered the event.





## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Lori A. Crouch, Corporate Communications Director

COPIES TO: City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Council Interests

DATE: April 8, 2016

Today's memo includes information from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Informal Session and additional information from the Norfolk Health Department on the Zika virus.

**North Shore Road construction:** The North Shore Road location that has been used by the City's water and sewer contractor as a laydown area is scheduled to be vacated and restored by the end of April. The Department of Utilities will advise bidders for the next phase of the project that this site is no longer available.

**Meadowbrook Fire Station project:** Staff is currently reviewing design-build contract proposals now and expect to select a contractor in July. Staff will work with the community to develop park portion of the project.

**Pedestrian-friendly streets:** Public Works has identified \$2M in state funds leftover from other projects. Staff will reprogram that money and prioritize key intersections for improvement. Norfolk Police increasing police presence and enforcement to curb speeding along Tidewater Drive corridor.

**Fugitive Dust:** Public Works reviewed the most recent Full Compliance Evaluations (2012 and 2014) conducted by the Department of Environmental Quality which assessed the facility's generators, shipyard coating operations and abrasive blasting operations. The facility was found to be in compliance with DEQ Air Program requirements.

**Lot Cleanup:** Staff reached out to the property owner of the former Giant Market lot. Trucks are parking illegally on the property. The property owner has agreed to place "No Parking" signs. Staff is working with the property to remove the trucks currently on the property. The property owner will cut the grass and clean the lot as soon as weather permits.

**East Beach Yield Sign:** The Yield sign is scheduled for Council consideration in April this month.

**Military Highway/Little Creek Blvd Landscaping:** Recreation, Parks and Open Space staff trimmed the trees and tidied the landscaping in this median.



**Zika Virus:** Zika is a viral disease transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito and is receiving much attention from federal, state, and local health authorities in the United States. While there have been several cases of Zika virus confirmed in Virginia, all have been travel associated. No local transmission of Zika is known to have occurred at this time. The Governor of Virginia recently established a Zika Task Force and the Virginia Department of Health is currently developing its state-wide Zika response plan.

The Norfolk Department of Public Health is well underway with its Zika response planning. Targeted mosquito control based on prevention will be a core strategy locally and staff are actively involved with ensuring availability of appropriate resources, developing education materials, and partnering with other city departments and stakeholders to help eliminate mosquito breeding and reduce the likelihood of disease transmission should Zika be confirmed in the area.